Agriculture & Education Committee UW-Madison Division of Extension

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Agriculture & Extension Education Committee Wednesday, December 11, 2019 UW Extension Conference Room 3506 N. Highway 51, Building A, Janesville, WI 53545

Unapproved Minutes

Committee Members Present:

Chair Bostwick, Supervisor Sweeney, Supervisor Davis, Supervisor Aegerter, Supervisor Lokrantz

Committee Members Absent:

None

Staff Members Present:

Chrissy Wen, Brent Sutherland, Nick Baker, Erin Conway, Tara Hanley

Others Present:

Brian Paul

- 1. Call to Order: Chair Bostwick called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
- 2. <u>Approval of Agenda</u>: Supervisor Aegerter moved approval of the agenda for December 11, 2019, second by Chair Bostwick. ADOPTED
- 3. <u>Approval of Minutes from October 22 9 & November 4</u>: Minutes from November postponed to next committee meeting. Supervisor Davis moved to approve October minutes, second by Supervisor Sweeney. ADOPTED. Date corrected to reflect meeting date of October 9.
- 4. <u>Citizen Participation, Communication and Announcements</u>
 Chair Bostwick welcomed new Supervisor Kaelyb Lokrantz to the committee.
- 5. Review of Payments
 Reviewed
- 6. Health & Well Being Educator Position Description

Ms. Wen reviewed the Health & Well Being Educator position description with the committee.

7. 2020 UW Division of Extension Contract

Ms. Wen described the contract as typical to prior years. The biggest difference this year was that all Educators are a flat fee instead of sliding scale.

8. Farm Update

Mr. Baker provided the committee with a summary of recent and upcoming happenings with the County Farm including; a donation from BASF, soybean variety trial, and Wisconsin weeds research trial. Mr. Baker also noted an education lease for a tractor provided by Midstate. Mr. Baker mentioned wiring the farm equipment shed in 2020. Mr. Sutherland stated the County has an electrician on staff now that could assist with that.

9. Community Youth Development Program Update

Ms. Conway provided the committee with a programming update that included interviews with community partners, youth focus groups, and 4-H collaboration and expanded access.

10. Fairgrounds Maintenance and Contracts

Reviewed

11. Fairgrounds

Mr. Paul expressed his appreciation of the committee for their support during his oversight & management of the fairgrounds. Mr. Sutherland noted they are working through the transition of fairgrounds management to a County maintenance position.

12. Fair Board Report

It was noted that Ryan George was elected Fair Board President.

10. Comments from the Committee

Supervisor Davis reminded the committee of a Dr. MLK Jr. Commemoration at BTC on January 12th.

6. Adjournment

Supervisor Sweeney moved to adjourn at 8:04 p.m., second by Supervisor Davis. ADOPTED

Tara Hanley

Rock County UW Extension Office Coordinator

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